

KEYIA ELIZABETH RUSSELL (CLUFF)

Keyia Elizabeth Russell (Cluff) was born, 12 Jan. 1844, in Tetbery, Gloustershire, England, to Richard Russell and Hannah Maria Underhill.

She was christened in the Church of England. Not long after her family joined the L.D.S. church. Her mother passed away and the father planned to bring his family to America. The family left England. They sailed on the ship "The Hudson" - the father and his girls and one son, Richard. They suffered many hardships as the pioneers did. The family arrived in New York, 18 July 1864 - crossed the plains with William Hyde's Company. Their father had remarried on the way to Utah, - Hannah Stoneman Gillette Wilkins. Their father took sick with Cholera and died at what was known as Wyoming, Nebraska - was buried there. Hannah, the second wife, brought the family on to Utah, and they settled near the Weber Area.

Keyia obtained work on a farm with a family. Henry Cluff, who was working near by, met Keyia. He wooed her and won her. They were married, 9 Nov. 1865 in Provo, Utah. They went to the Endowment House, 21 Dec. 1868. Soon after their marriage, Henry went to fight in the Black Hawk War. Keyia wasn't used to the wilds of America but she learned to depend on the Lord while he was gone.

Henry was a farmer. He also raised stock. In 1871 he and Keyia moved to the Cluff Ranch near Keetley.

He and his Brother, Joseph, made many trips to Provo through Provo Canyon, cutting roads and fording the Provo River. They also lived in Elkhorn for a time. In 1910 or 1912 they left the Cluff Ranch and moved back to their home in Provo.

They had eleven children as follows:

1. Ada Leonora Cluff - born, 6 Aug. 1866 in Provo, Ut. She married, George Moulton, 27 Sept. 1883. She died, July 1947. (Her temple work was done - she was sealed to her Mother and Dad on 1 April 1969.)

2. Lilly May Cluff - Born, 25 May 1868 in Provo, Ut. She married George Hardman, 12 Oct. 1887 in the Logan Temple. She was sealed to her Mother and Dad, 1 April 1969. She passed away 19 Oct. 1950 in Bacchus, Ut. S.L. Co.

3. Henry Russell - Born, 3 Dec. 1864, Provo, Utah, Ut. Co. He married Fanny Lovina McDonald, 2 Oct. 1892. He died, 18 June 1958.

4. Evelyn - Born, 14 Aug. 1872, in Wanship, Utah. She married James H. McDonald, 6 Oct. 1900. She died in Ogden, Ut. at the age of 101.

5. Charles Richard - Born 7 Feb. 1874, Elkhorn, Ut. Summit Co. He married Emma Verona McDonald. He died 23 June 1954.

6. Hattie - Born, 19 Jan. 1876, Elkhorn, Ut. She drowned 13 Oct. 1879 as a small child.

7. Eleanor - Born 28 Feb. 1878, Keetley, Utah. She married George Wilsonhome, 6 Dec. 1898. Later married Moroni Moulton, 11 Aug. 1948.

8. William David - Born, 24 April 1880, Keetley, Ut. He married Mable Bates, 14 Feb. 1903. Died.

9. Hyrum Fredrick - Born, 22 Jan. 1882, Keetley, Ut. He married Maria Margaret Taylor, 22 July 1903. He died on the 4th May 1959, S.L.C. Utah.

10. John Robert - Born, 24 Nov. 1883, Provo, Utah. He married Myrtle Jones, 25 Mar. 1908. Died in Victor, Idaho.

11. Albert Edward - Born, 6 Oct. 1885 at Keetley, Utah - died 6 June 1887.

Keyia and Henry were proud of their large family. She was known as a good cook and a good mother.

At the age of 71 Keyia passed away, 16 Jan. 1915 in Provo, Utah. Henry lived in Provo, Ut. until he passed away, 16 Jan. 1931 in Provo, Utah at the age of 88. He was kind to everyone who met him or knew him. He missed his Dear Wife.

This was taken from the book about Heber and from Keyia's sister's history, Hannah Maria Russell Marchant.

By Thelma Hardman, wife of John Hardman